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Aviation Capital Group issues \$255 million in Medium Term Notes

Newport Beach (CA), April 12, 2010: Aviation Capital Group, one of the world's Tier 1 commercial aircraft leasing companies, issued \$255 million in Unsecured Medium Term Notes on April 8 it was announced today.

The notes were issued in three tranches of five-, seven-, and 10-year bullet maturities, with the majority of demand for the longer tranche. The issue, originally offered at \$100 million, was oversubscribed three times.

With this transaction, ACG has sourced approximately \$2 billion of capital since January 1, 2009, reflecting ACG's ability to access capital during an extremely challenging capital environment.

"ACG's ability to access multiple sources of financing has been a key strength during the recent economic downturn," said R. Stephen Hannahs, Group Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of ACG.

"A key element of ACG's financial philosophy is the strategic decision to shift from secured financings, such as aircraft-backed securitizations and secured warehouse bank debt, to corporate unsecured borrowings," Hannahs said. "Shifting to unsecured borrowings allows us to improve financial flexibility and have substantially greater flexibility in deploying our aircraft, which better serves our customers."

Hannahs said ACG will make increasing use of unsecured borrowings in the future.

ACG's financial strength is further demonstrated by the continued deleveraging of the Company and a capital structure in which more than 85% of its debt obligations mature in greater than five years. Despite the global recession, ACG's revenues from operating leases increased in 2009 over 2008 and the Company posted its 20th consecutive year of record profitability.

ACG has more than 140 Boeing 737NGs, the Airbus A320 family and Boeing 787s on order for delivery through 2017; all aircraft are financed through next year.

BNP Paribas and Citi managed the placement.

About Aviation Capital Group:

ACG is the owner and manager of a diversified fleet of commercial jet aircraft leased to the world's leading airlines. Its portfolio includes 242 aircraft leased to 94 airlines in 39 countries. ACG's Capital Markets Group also provides asset management and remarketing services to aircraft investors and institutional clients. ACG was founded in 1989 and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Pacific Life Insurance Company, a Pacific LifeCorp company. See www.aviationcapital.com.

